

FISCAL NOTE

SB 525 - HB 1202

February 23, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that solicitation of business by bail bondsmen directly or indirectly, by active or passive means, any place where prisoners are confined or on property used by the sheriff's department to collect monies from previous bonds constitutes *unprofessional conduct*. Such unprofessional conduct subjects a bondsman to criminal sanctions elsewhere provided by law and provides reasonable and sufficient grounds for loss of bonding privileges.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- to the extent bondsmen are subject to the same criminal sanctions applied to misconduct by bondsmen under T.C.A. Title 4, Chapter 11, Part 3, they could be charged with a Class B misdemeanor for violations under the provisions of this bill.
- impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill. These increases are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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